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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS LINK AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALL ON PM

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1. ALL OF DELHI'S SIX ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILIES ON MAY 28 CARRY ARTICLES REPORTING AMBASSADOR GOHEEN'S INITIAL COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER DESAI MAY 27 AND SUGGESTING THAT ISSUE OF SUPPLYING FUEL FOR TARAPUR WAS RAISED AT THE MEETING. CONGRESS-AFFILIATED "NATIONAL HERALD" CARRIED SAMACHAR PIECE WHICH STATED THAT THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS "INCLUDING THE SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR THE ATOMIC POWER PLANT AT TARAPORE". "THE STATESMAN" CARRIED A BRIEFER VERSION OF SAMACHAR STORY.

2. "HINDUSTAN TIMES" CARRIED AN ARTICLE BASED ESSENTIALLY ON SAMACHAR STORY, ADDING THAT "THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM FOR THE ATOMIC POWER PLANT AT TARAPORE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME UP" DURING THE MEETING. ARTICLE ADDS THAT "DR. GOHEEN IS SAID TO HAVE CONVEYED MR. CARTER'S VIEWS ON THE MATTER".

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IN AN ARTICLE BY ITS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, THE "TIMES OF INDIA" REPORTS THAT "THE DELAY IN RELEASING" THE FUEL SHIPMENT "WAS DISCUSSED" AT THE MEETING. THE TOI PIECE GOES ON TO SAY THAT THE MEETING "ACQUIRES SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SENT A MESSAGE ON THIS ISSUE TO MR. DESAI. THE WASHINGTON REPORTS INDICATE THAT MR. CARTER BEFORE RELEASING THE URANIUM SHIPMENT WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE

NUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. NO OFFICIAL COMMENT HAS SO FAR BEEN MADE ON WASHINGTON REPORTS".

3. IN AN ARTICLE HEADLINED "US LIKELY TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR TARAPUR", THE "INDIAN EXPRESS" REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR GOHEEN "WAS TODAY BELIEVED TO HAVE CONVEYED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO SUPPLY URANIUM TO TARAPUR AND THE SUGGESTION THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES START TALKS ON THEIR FUTURE NUCLEAR RELATIONS". THE "EXPRESS" ALSO REPORTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR GAVE A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE PM WHICH "IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE REFERRED TO THE TARAPUR SUPPLY AMONG OTHER ISSUES". REST OF ARTICLE BRIEFLY REVIEWS PREVIOUS PRESS REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON ON POSSIBLE SHIPMENT OF FUEL AND HOLDING OF BILATERAL TALKS ON INDO-US NUCLEAR RELATIONSHIP.

4. CPI- AFFILIATED, PRO-MOSCOW "PATRIOT" CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE CUM EDITORIAL HEADLINED "U.S. ATTEMPTS TO BLACKMAIL INDIA", WHICH MORE EXPLICITLY REPEATS THE THEME OF ITS EDITORIAL THE PREVIOUS DAY (REFTEL) THAT THE "US IS USING ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO SUPPLY FUEL FOR TARAPUR TO PUT PRESSURE ON INDIA TO CHANGE ITS NUCLEAR POLICY ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS". THE STORY STATES THAT THE AMBASSADOR "IS BELIEVED TO HAVE FORMALLY PRESENTED A PLAN TO RE-NEGOTIATE THE NUCLEAR FUEL DEAL" IN HIS MEETING WITH DESAI. IT EDITORIALIZES: "THE US IS APPARENTLY HOPEFUL THAT WITH A PRO-WEST GOVT IN INDIA IT CAN TRY AND TRADE ITS CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION FOR INDIA'S OPTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD". REST OF THE STORY REHASHES TARAPUR SUPPLY ISSUE, SAYING THAT THE US AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE "WESTERN NUCLEAR CARTEL" HAVE BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO WISH TO MAKE A TECHNOLOGICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BREAKTHROUGH THAT WOULD HELP THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT". THE "PATRIOT" BRANDS US MOTIVES ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE AS "FLIMSY AND FARCICAL", SINCE THE US "HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT ITS ALLY PAKISTAN FROM GOING AHEAD WITH ACQUIRING" A REPROCESSING PLANT NOR BRAZIL FROM BUYING "A COMPLETE NUCLEAR SYSTEM WORTH 5 BILLION DOLLARS" FROM WEST GERMANY
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